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1 - one sketch on ditto

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Doeberitz airfield between 2 February and 14 March 1955:

4 and 11 February. Two courier aircraft landed and took off in the direction of Wildpark.

15 February to 4 March. One Po-2 took off and landed almost daily.

8 to 11 March. One to three Po-2s daily landed and took off.

11 March. Between 0830 and 1500, low-level attacks were made by MiG-15s at troop concentrations on the roads and in the woods near Buchow-Karpzow. The aircraft were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. During the morning, a large field exercise was started in the Hoppenrade, Buchow-Karpzow, Falkenrehde area and farther west toward Ketzin. The exercise involved troops from the Doeberitz military post in addition to troops from other military posts. The attacking fighters approached in elements of two from the direction of Wildpark-Werder with an interval and distance of 80 to 100 meters between the two aircraft. They started diving almost simultaneously and dived from an altitude of about 500 meters down to about 70 meters. After attacking the ground targets from various directions several times, the fighters departed and disappeared from view heading in various directions.

14 March. Between 1335 and 1345, 2 Po-2s took off and headed toward Wildpark. Between 1410 and 1412, 2 IL-10 ground attack aircraft landed. Between 1430 and 1445, landings were made by 34 ground attack aircraft of the same type which flew in formations of 3 and 4 aft of each other. The distance between the individual formations was about 500 meters. There was a distance of about 30 meters and an interval of about 40 meters between the individual aircraft of the formations. The aircraft landed individually from northeast to southwest at a distance of 150 to 200 meters. Between 1500 and 1506, an additional 11 IL-10s approached from the direction of Schoenwalde and landed at the field. At about 1610, a total of 47 IL-10 were parked in lines in the northern and southern sections of the field. Aircraft numbers or color markings could not be determined. 1

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2. Every day between 2 February and 11 March, conventional engines were tested on the test stand in the northern section of the field at irregular intervals.

3. Richthofen Kaserne

In early March, Richthofen Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 men. The soldiers frequenting the installation and the sentries posted at Hamburger Chaussee wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Those sections of the installation which were located north and west of the athletic field were not yet re-occupied. Repair and improvement work continued in some buildings. At about 1100 on 6 March, 3 groups each of 82 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets under the command of 12 officers and about 30 NCOs marched from the barracks installation toward Wubbits Lake. All of the soldiers wore air force insignia. The EM marched in groups and were 16 to 17 years old. They were conspicuously small, carried no weapons and wore fur-lined caps. The groups returned to the barracks installation at about 1215. The recruits were observed for the first time in the Richthofen Kaserne.

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5. Barracks installation on Thaelmann Platz

In mid-February, the barracks installation on Thaelmann Platz was occupied by 400 to 500 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, including about 50 % officers, 25 % NCOs and 25 % EM and female personnel wearing air force uniform. The installation was surrounded by a board fence 2.5 meters high. A truck with a driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was seen in the barracks area. 2

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6. Air activity and aircraft observed between 11 and 16 March:

11 March. During the morning, 6 MiG-15s approached the Doeberitz area at a low altitude from the north, circled over the troop training grounds south of Hamburger Chaussee and subsequently departed toward the north.

14 March. At about 1200, 36 single-engine propeller aircraft, definitely 1 L-10s, approached from the direction of Nauen and landed in succession at Doeberitz airfield.

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16 March. During the morning and afternoon, the aircraft flew in a large formation over Doeberitz. They flew in formations of 9 aircraft in 3 flights, side by side and aft of each other. It was noticed from a distance that individual dives were made over the troop training grounds south of Hamburger Chaussee. Later, the formation again assembled. During the dives, machine gun firing from the aircraft and from the troops on the ground was heard.¹



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1.  **Comment.** The formation of IL-10s which landed at Doeberitz airfield on 14 March 1955 were from the ground attack division in Brandenburg which were participating in division exercises with the Soviet Army.
2.  **Comment.** For layout sketch of barracks installation on ~~Waldmann~~ Flats, see Annex.

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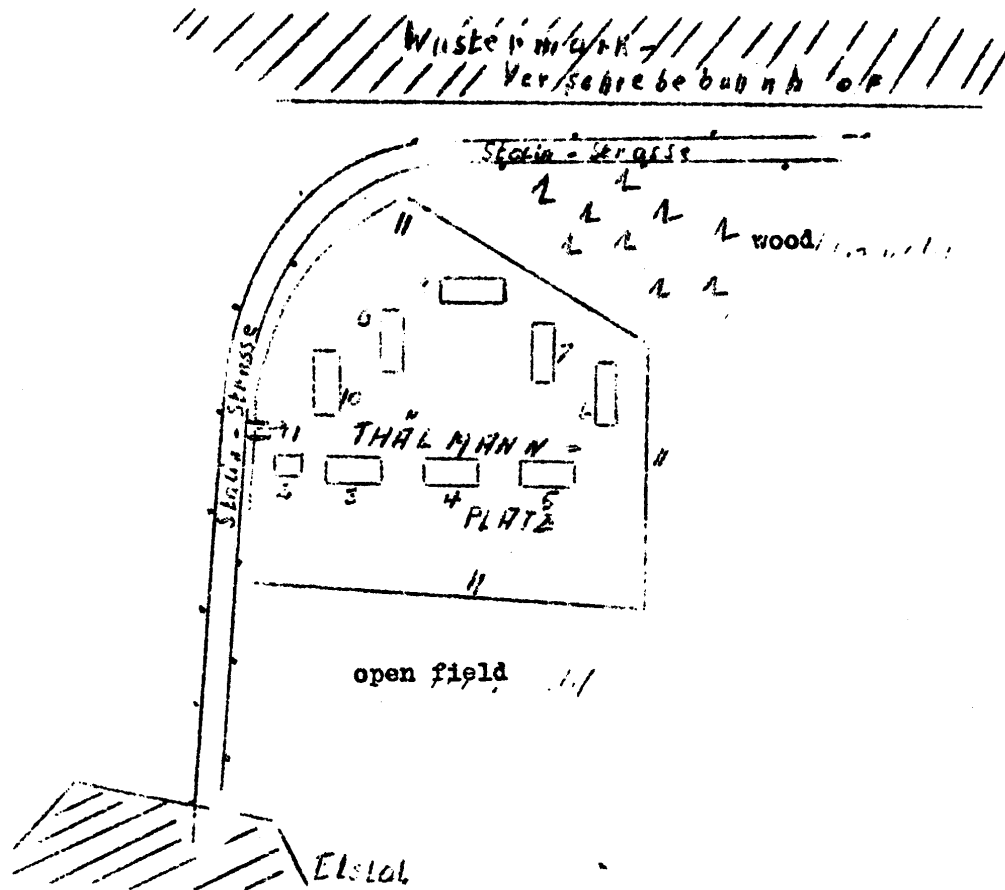
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Barracks Installation on Thaelmann Platz in DoberitzLegend:

- 1 Entrance and exit gate
- 2 Guardhouse
- 3, 5, 8 Buildings presumably housing billets and classrooms; building No 8 no longer housing kitchen
- 4, 6, 7 Officers billets
- 9, 10 Buildings housing classrooms and billets. Kommandatura transferred to Elstal
- 1: Board fence 2,5 meters high

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